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### Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application.

#### LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (Cancelled)
2. (Currently Amended) The ~~airbag apparatus~~ combination of claim 5 wherein the handlebar cover includes a cover body and the separable portion comprises a thinned portion of the cover body which is torn open upon airbag deployment.
3. (Currently Amended) The ~~airbag apparatus~~ combination of claim 5 wherein the separable portion comprises overlapping ends of material of the handlebar cover.
4. (Currently Amended) The ~~airbag apparatus~~ combination of claim 3 wherein the handlebar cover comprises a plurality of strip portions of the handlebar cover material with a plurality of pairs of material strip portions extending along the handlebar so that there are a plurality of the overlapping ends portions of cover material.
5. (Currently Amended) An airbag apparatus ~~for~~ in combination with a motorcycle including a handlebar, the combination comprising:  
an airbag including at least a portion thereof that is ~~adapted and configured for being~~ mounted to the handlebar;

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a handlebar cover that ~~is adapted and configured to extend~~ extends  
over the handlebar and the airbag portion; and

a separable portion of the handlebar cover at which the handlebar  
cover opens upon deployment of the airbag,

wherein the airbag includes another portion ~~adapted and configured~~  
~~for being~~ mounted to a location of the motorcycle other than at the handlebar.

6. (Cancelled)

7. (Currently Amended) An airbag apparatus ~~for in combination with a~~  
motorcycle including a handlebar, the ~~airbag apparatus~~ combination comprising:

an airbag including at least a portion thereof that is ~~adapted and~~  
~~configured for being~~ mounted to the handlebar;

a handlebar cover that is ~~adapted and configured to extend~~ extends  
over the handlebar and the airbag portion; and

a separable portion of the handlebar cover at which the handlebar  
cover opens upon deployment of the airbag,

~~wherein the airbag includes~~ a retainer housing having an interior and  
being mounted off of the handlebar therefor; and

the airbag includes another portion mounted in the interior of the  
retainer housing and the airbag portion ~~for being~~ mounted to the handlebar is  
external of the retainer housing prior to airbag deployment.

8. (Currently Amended) The ~~airbag apparatus~~ combination of claim 5  
wherein the airbag portion is folded ~~for being~~ and connected to the handlebar to  
extend therealong.

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9. (Currently amended) The ~~airbag apparatus~~ combination of claim 8 wherein the folded airbag portion extends between the handlebar and the ~~frangible~~ separable portion of the handlebar cover.

10. (Currently amended) The ~~airbag apparatus~~ combination of claim 8 wherein the airbag portion has an accordion configuration as folded prior to deployment.

11. (Previously presented) A motorcycle comprising:  
a seat for a driver;  
a handlebar forwardly of the seat;  
a cover for the handlebar;  
an airbag for being deployed forwardly of the seat;  
a portion of the airbag mounted to the handlebar;  
another portion of the airbag mounted to a motorcycle location that is off of the handlebar; and  
a predetermined portion of the cover that has a predetermined configuration prior to airbag deployment and shifts to a different configuration upon airbag deployment to allow the airbag to deploy and be inflated forwardly of the seat.

12. (Previously presented) The motorcycle of claim 11 wherein the airbag portion is mounted between the handlebar and the cover.

13. (Original) The motorcycle of claim 12 wherein the airbag portion and the handlebar include fasteners therebetween for connecting the airbag portion to the handlebar.

14. (Previously presented) A motorcycle comprising:  
a seat for a driver;  
a handlebar forwardly of the seat;  
a cover for the handlebar;  
an airbag for being deployed forwardly of the seat; and  
a predetermined portion of the cover that has a predetermined configuration prior to airbag deployment and shifts to a different configuration upon airbag deployment to allow the airbag to deploy and be inflated forwardly of the seat,

wherein the airbag includes a retainer therefor generally mounted in an area lower than the handlebar.

15. (Original) The motorcycle of claim 14 wherein the airbag includes an upper portion mounted to the handlebar under the cover therefor external of the retainer, and a lower portion mounted in the retainer.

16. (Previously presented) The motorcycle of claim 15 wherein the airbag upper portion is accordion folded.

17. (Previously presented) The motorcycle of claim 15 wherein the airbag upper portion is folded to extend along the handlebar, and includes  
a protective fabric for keeping the airbag upper portion folded until airbag deployment.

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18. (Previously presented) The motorcycle of claim 11 wherein the cover portion comprises a separable portion so the cover opens at the separable portion during airbag deployment.

19. (Previously presented) The motorcycle of claim 18 wherein the separable portion comprises one of a thinned material portion that is thinner than a thick portion of the cover, and overlapping material end portions.

20. (Currently Amended) The motorcycle of claim 18 wherein the ~~frangible~~ separable portion is configured to extend in one of a linear configuration, and a dotted configuration.